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Displayed under an EPITOME of the Reign
of each Sovereign in the ENGLISH
HISTORY :

Containing, The ANTIQUITIES of each,
and the HISTORICAL and BIOGRAPHI-
CAL RELATIONS at Large.

To which is added,

A Brief Supplimentary Account of the
present state of LEICESTERSHIRE.

BY JOHN THROSBY.

"Solicit not thy thoughts with matters hid,
"——— Heaven is for thee too high
"To know what passes there; be lowly wise.
"——— ask
"How first this world and face of things began,
"And what before thy memory, was done."
MILTON.

V O L. VI.

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TO THE
SUBSCRIBERS TO THE
LEICESTERSHIRE MEMOIRS.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

 O one who thinks unfavour-
 T  able of his own abilities,
 for an undertaking like this,
which seemed marked with difficulty
in every stage, the approbation of
the public, in the issue, would be a
pleasing reward for his diffidence.
For my own part, I had but little to
expect of *pecuniary* recompence from
a local publication, ushered into the
world under no illustrious patronage,
and by one, placed far from the
power of influence. But CANDOUR,
ever unfettered, judges and rewards,
not counselled by prejudice: Its
judgments.

judgments are the dictates of an honest mind. Several GENTLEMEN, whose learning and character command deference, have generously declared, *that these Memoirs*, published as they have been, under many obvious disadvantages, *exceed by far their expectations*. If they are considered by You, in this light, by whose kind support they appeared, the intention is in a great measure answered. A revision of a work, by a second edition, is a favourable circumstance to a writer. But as I have not the most distant expectation of this kind, it is a pleasure, that I can say with some safety, that the inaccuracies which have happened in these volumes, are not of that kind which will injure materially the intention :

intention of the publication : which was to convey a knowledge of those events which lay *hidden, dispersed, and disguised*. The very many articles which are inserted, that never met the public eye before, in print, have, I doubt not, proved acceptable to the reader. I foresaw some danger in writing the last of these volumes, descriptive of the present state of the County; but an endeavour after rectitude emboldened, and a mind inclined to exercise, have urged me to proceed.

IF, contrary to my intentions, I have given the least offence by speaking of some transactions with freedom, I will answer in general terms, *that I know of no prejudice within my breast*

breast which could bias me from that duty I owed the public, and that I know none of the human race that I would wantonly insult, detract, or wish evil. After this declaration, be pleased to accept, by way of address, at the head of this volume, which contains the present state of Leicestershire, a tender of gratitude, by subscribing myself

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your much Obliged,

Most Obedient

Humble Servant,

The AUTHOR.

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P R E S E N T S T A T E
O F
L E I C E S T E R S H I R E.

C H A P. XXXVII.

*Exordium—Boundaries, Contents, and
Extent—Air and Water—Soil and
Produce—Religion—Manufacture—
Nobility &c—The names of the Towns
and Villages, with occasional remarks,
&c. &c.*

AFTER the voluntary though CHAP.
difficult task of bringing down 37.
to the present time, the history of a
County, rendered very conspicuous by
the strange vicissitudes which, at vari-
ous times, have agitated its inhabi-
tants; and considering how trouble-
some it is, in some particulars, to de-
tach the actions of a small place from

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the

CH A P the general mass of a connected whole,

37 I am now now, according to the plan of this work, to give some account of the present state of a place, which was at distant times the seat of pagan idolatry, and of royal residence. Often the field of carnage for contending parties. The dwelling of a brave people. The cherisher of a glorious reformer. Highly favoured by the munificence of kings. The seat of legislators. And the birth place of a martyred prelate, and virtuous princess, who suffered under a sanguinary queen. It also felt severely the dread horrors of an unnatural war, and at last received into its bowels the body of a murdering monarch, giving a crown to an Henry. And alas! in later times, when sovereignty was strip'd of power, by a violent faction, she drank deep of the surrounding cup of general distress.

AND

AND truly, I may say that the CHAP
present time affords an ample field for 37
an abler pen to heighten its exalted
station. Here the distressed meet the
iron hand of affliction with all the ten-
derness that pity, and the healing are
capable of bestowing. *a* Here the
poor find relief from a noble instituti-
on formed from a tender regard for
their distresses. *b* 'Tis from this lau-
dable design that the unoffending babe
and the helpless aged, find succour
from the galling pangs of hunger and
piercing cold. And let me not cease
to declare that the unhappy prisoners
of every denomination meet with an
almost singular relief. *c* So exalted are
the

a The Infirmary.

b Mr. Gossip's scheme for relieving the
poor in winter.

c Most of the parishes in the count^y, ex-
clusive of the jail allowance, contribute an-
nually to relieve the prisoners in the win-
ter.—John Simpson, Esq; who was their

CH A P the ideas of this age that even the un-
 37. lettered peasant, from the example of
 the great, is often discovered dropping
 in his mite towards sweetening the
 bitter draught of the captive. I
 could enumerate, and add, a pleasing
 list of benefactions, of that magnitude,
 which would charm the breast of pie-
 ty ; but enough, to call up those
 compassionate gifts, which the modest
 bestowers have taken pains to conceal,
 would be injurious to their amiable
 feelings : they are rewarded by a se-
 cret pleasure of which the ostentatious
 have but little knowledge !

BOUNDARIES

treasurer, when the humane Mr. Howard
 visited the jails of this kingdom, has been
 particularly noticed by that gentleman, in
 his publication of those visits, as a tender
 guardian of the unfortunate captive. What
 can be more pleasing than to have the ap-
 probation of a heart like Mr. Howard's ?

BOUNDARIES, CONTENTS, CHAP.
and EXTENT. 37

LEICESTERSHIRE is an inland county, and lies near the centre of England, in the latitude of 54 degrees, and in the longitude of 20. It is bounded on the east by Lincoln and Rutlandshires, on the west by Warwickshire, separated by the ancient Roman-way, called *Watling-street*; on the north by Nottingham and Derby shires, and on the south by Northamptonshire, separated by the rivers Welland and Avon. It is near thirty-three miles long, twenty-eight broad, and one hundred in circumference. The accurate Sir William Templeman says, it contains five hundred and sixty thousand acres of land. It is computed to contain eight thousand seven hundred and fifty houses; one hundred and twelve thousand

CHAP. 37. And two hundred inhabitants, two hundred parishes, and thirteen market towns, viz. *Leicester, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Basworth, Haloughton, Harborough, Hinckley, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Melton, Mountsorrel, Waltham, Belton, and Billesdon*. The most considerable of which are, *Leicester, Ashby, Harborough, Loughborough, Hinckley, Lutterworth, and Melton*.—There were formerly several other market towns in this county, viz. *Armesby, Bagworth, Croxton-Kiriel, Kirby-Bellcre, Donington, Gaddesby, Kegworth, Rodely, Whitwick, Wimondham, Godeby, Narborough, Nether-Seile, Stapleford, Great-Glen, Groby, Lubbenham, and Wimeswould*.—This county is divided into six hundreds, viz. *Gartery, Goodlaxton or Guthlaxstone, Sparkenhoe, East-Goscote, West-Goscote, and Framland*; and is in the diocese of Lincoln; and it is subject in spiritual matters,

AIR and WATER.

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matters, to the arch-deaconry of **C H A P**
Leicester. This county is in the 37
midland circuit.

AIR and WATER.

BEING seated at a considerable distance from the sea, in the centre of an healthy island, Leicestershire is not subject to those fatal distempers common to the inhabitants of the sea-coast. The salubrity of its air has been long noticed by provincial writers, there being no bogs nor marshes to impregnate it with their unhealthy vapours. It is watered with some pleasant rivers and rivulets, which are fitted for the health and convenience of its inhabitants. The chief of these is the *Sore*, anciently called *Leire*; it rises in the south-west side of the county, near the military way, *Watling-street*, from two streams, at some distance

- C H A P. distance from each other. Upon the
37. river's brink of one of these, stands a village now called Leire, from the name of the river. In its course towards Leicester, a brook called *Sence* empties itself therein. and some other streams. Its magnitude is considerable in its passages by Leicester, which is on the west and north side ; thither it passes on through the middle of the county, inclining toward the north-west, dividing this county, in one place, from Nottinghamshire, and then it falls into the Trent. The next in order is the *Wreke*, which rises on the east, and keeps its course westward, through a vale, and near Cosington falls into the Soar. Another called *Dene*, runs near Belvoir-castle, and through part of Nottinghamshire into the Trent. Several other less considerable rivulets, some of them nameless, are very useful on their passage to those of more considerable

considerable magnitude and utility. CHAP.

The rivers produce some salmon,
plenty of pike, trout, eels, perch,
and roach in abundance.

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SOIL and PRODUCE.

LEICESTERSHIRE is a fine campaign country, and luxuriously fertile in some parts. The soil of this county is very different in different places. In the south-west there are fine fruitful meadows bordering upon the river Avon. Towards the north-east it is mountainous and rocky, but affords great plenty of wood and pit-coal; and although it be inclinable to barrenness in that part, yet there are fed numbers of small sheep, which are particularly agreeable to the taste, and afford very fine wool. In the north-west part and south-east, the soil is generally rich, and produces

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CHAP excellent crops of corn and grass. At
 37. Barrow, in the hundred of *East-Goscote*, is gotten excellent lime in great quantities, some of which is exported for particular uses: much of it has been sent to Holland. It is in high repute for water-works, and has, in several instances, exceeded the hardness of stone. Great quantities of it is also used in Leicestershire, and other parts, as manure for land. *d* Swithland, in the hundred of *West-Goscote*, produces great quantities of slates; these pits are very deep, extensive, and employ a great number of hands. The slates also, on account of their good quality, are taken to great distances. Besides the houses of these parts being chiefly roofed with them,

d Two very fine fossils were found lately at Barrow by the workmen getting the lime-stone, they are representations of a man and a fish, in high preservation.

them, they are wrought in various forms, both for utility and ornament. CHAP. 37.

Chimney-pieces made of them are carved, and have an effect little inferior to black-marble. Numbers of the large sort are used for grave-stones, and when they are engraven by a skilful hand, they produce letters, &c. superior to any other sort of stone which is used for the same purpose. Mr. John and William Bell of Leicester have carried this art, on these stones, to an excellent degree of perfection.—These slate-pits, I believe, belong chiefly to the earl of Stamford, and are leased to Mr. Hind of Swithland, a gentleman well known for his ingenious devices on these slate-stones.

CHARNWOOD forest, near these pits, exceeds ten miles in length and six in breadth, and is now almost without a tree in the enclosed part, although,

CHAP although, in the memory of an old
 37 man, known by one now alive, or
 lately dead, a squirrel might then
 have been hunted in it for six miles,
 and the little creature not touched the
 ground. Near Leicester is a place
 called *Dane-Hills*, where have been
 formerly gotten large quantities of
 stone for building. But now, by rea-
 son of it being not of the most durable
 nature, and there being excellent
 bricks made at that place, the quarry
 has not been worked for some years.
 At Mountsorrel, the stone being of
 an unkind nature, it is generally blown
 up, and is used principally for paving.

THE sheep in this county are ge-
 nerally large, equal to those in Lin-
 colnshire. Mr. Bakewell of Dishley,
 and some other graziers in this county,
 have carried the art of breeding large
 sheep to an eminent degree. Mr.
 Bakewell,

Bakewell, a few years back, was honoured with a visit from one of the judges upon the midland circuit, purposely to see the improving state of his cattle, who expressed an agreeable surprize that every thing there exceeded his expectations. Sheep are bought in this county at an immoderate price, to be taken to different parts of the kingdom for the improvement, of other stock. *e* CHAP. 37

THE general breed of horses here are of the cart kind, black, large, and bony: numbers of them are bought up for dray-horses, &c. to be used in the metropolis; and numbers to mount the cavalry; and some are exported, in time of peace, for the same purpose to other nations. The dairy cattle, I believe, are inferior to none in the

e There have been sheep killed, bred in this county, which weighed 40 pd. per quarter.

CHAP. this kingdom. Grass farms are often
 37. let here for 6 or 7 hundred pounds
 per year, and some few higher.

At Ashby-de-la-zouch, by a subscription among the gentlemen farmers and graziers, a premium is given annually to improve the breed of these useful creatures. One hundred pounds have been refused, at the fair in this place, for four foals of the black breed. Mr. Knowles of Nelson, is famous for breeding this sort of cattle.

PRIOR to the year 1750, very few of the fields were enclosed, in comparison to what have been since that time. Large quantities of corn were then grown in this county, and, I believe, more than necessary to its own consumption; but now, by reason of the fields being generally enclosed, the necessary supplies for bread, are,

in a great measure, drawn from other CHAP
counties. 37

ENCLOSURES here have not been confined only to improve wastes, but some of the richest, and best fields have been enclosed for pecuniary purposes; the owners of the land, in general, doubling their rents on these occasions. Some corn is grown in the new enclosures, but extremely unlike that in the open fields, both in respect to boldness and quality; and a greater degeneracy is likely to take place, on account of the present scarcity of good seed corn.

I remember when first the passion for enclosure took place, about the year 1750, an attempt was made by the corporation of Leicester, to ring-fence their south-fields, and this happening on the eve of an election, created a great disturbance: a large mob assembled,

CH A P. assembled, and destroyed the fence,
37 pulled up the young quick, and insulted the promoters of it with the most opprobrious language. But a second attempt, soon after, was attended with better success.—Although I pretend to no skill in fore-telling events, yet there seems to me to be some evils arising from this practice, that may one day prove baneful to even the interests of those who now alone benefit thereby. We see in our villages, where this is the case, population cease to *multiply* the human race as heretofore, cottages in ruins, and the remaining few lost to that manly spirit, which animated their ancestors to vigour. We see families driven by necessity from healthy villages, to towns and cities, where they soon degenerate and mingle with the punier tribes of luxury, intemperance, and debauchery : from which arise those shadowy protectors of our country, that we
too

too frequently now discover, garbed CHAP.
as an English soldier. When the na- 37
tional defence was drawn principally
from the plow, soldiers were capable
of enduring every difficulty, and every
danger, that the chances of war could
produce: but are we to expect in fu-
ture times, when the whole of our na-
tional defence must be drawn from a
degenerate race, the same glorious at-
chievements, which our ancestors have
been long famed for? Surely no.
And as those causes, which before sti-
mulated to increase the human species,
will be removed from the most useful
part of mankind, we have little more
to expect, than, that England, from
her internal weakness, will one day be-
come an easy conquest to those powers
which have been long, and painfully,
seeking to effect its fall.

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RELIGION.

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By far the more numerous sect is that of the established church; there being more members of that profession in this county, than of the rest taken collectively. The presbyterians, who are a sect of protestants so called from their opinion that the ruling of Christ's church, appointed in the New Testament, was by elders and ministers associated for its government, were, till late, the next numerous sect; but another branch from protestantism, the methodists, a sect who first made its appearance in the year 1740, of which there are now several divisions under various appellations, I am apprehensive take the lead. The anabaptists, in these parts, are now rather an inconsiderable number to what they were in the reign of Charles 1st. This sect originated about the year 1520,

1520, and they set out with too much of the vulgar liberty to be amiable; but the representatives of these people, published a confession of faith in the year 1689, by which it appears, that they differ now but little from other dissenters. Of the Quakers see page 14 vol. 5. The Papists, from whom all the various sectaries sprang, are now a very inconsiderable number compared with any of the above.

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It not being the intention of the author of these sheets to attempt a critical investigation of this subject, by pointing out the excellency or exposing the *seeming* defects of this, or that religion; because it might expose to censure a writer more equal to the task; and what is more to be dreaded than the rage of men, it might expose him to an offending God. For *CHARITY* the lovely handmaid at it were to

CHAP. to Religion, knows no unamiable
 37 contracted notions of the Deity: she
 considers the human race, however
 dispersed, and however various in their
 modes of address to the throne of hea-
 ven, as beings made, and under the
 guidance of His ETERNAL MA-
 JESTY. She contemplates on ages
 past, and on those to come, with love
 unbounded; and where frailty seems
 glaringly conspicuous, she even then
 rather pities than censures the offender.
 The exercise of Charity, that is,
Love to Mankind is as highly pleasing
 to Omnipotence, as it is beneficial and
 amiable to the world; it is the noblest
 refinement which christianity has
 stamp'd upon the mind of man; and
 the wretch who lives without it, lives,
 as it were, for himself, destitute of
 that calm innate felicity, which ever
 accompanies those who anticipate the
 unbounded happiness of Saints and
 Angels,

Angels, by being possessors of this ex-^{C H A P}
alted requisite. Cease then, ye vio-³⁷
lent contenders about modes of faith,
and forms of worship, to disturb the
happy. God alone is able to invert
the vain purposes of man without your
uncharitable aid. He displays His
Love throughout the boundless emen-
city of space in every progressive mo-
ment. Vast countries inhabited by
beings formed like ourselves, and cre-
ated by His Will, are directed, or
at least suffered to pay Him adoration
in modes widely different from each
other. Let us therefore covet to love,
and not to brand with perdition those
who deviate from the forms, or the
opinions of each other, because our
conceptions, of heavenly things, agree
not with the modes of adoration pre-
scribed by the various sectaries we have
amongst us, lest we shall be found not
in the numbers of those who strive to
imitate their God!

MANUFAC-

CHAP MANUFACTURE,

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OF this county, is that of stockings, which has been abundantly increased within these fifty years. Most of the first people in Leicester employ their wealth in this business; and large fortunes have been rapidly obtained by it, in that place. There are hosiers there, who may be said to employ, including the dependants upon the *Comber* and *Stocking-maker*, near a thousand manufacturers. When in its more infant state, it was chiefly confined to the ordinary branch; but now great quantities of fine goods are made here, both for home and foreign use. When the manufacture was in its infancy, in these parts, the hosiers used to travel with a horse loaded with their goods; and generally continued upon their journeys until they sold them: not venturing

venturing to keep much stock before hand. But now several of them have property in goods to a very large amount generally by them, to supply their orders with the more convenient dispatch. They now have riders to transact, and expedite that part of their business which lies detached at inconvenient distances, who are frequently from the manufactory eight months in the year.

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THE prosperous state of this business for some years past, has greatly improved Leicester; particularly in respect to its building and opulence.

THE following was the state of the trade in Leicester about sixty years ago, as given by Mr. Alderman Cooper, one of the then principal manufacturers, which may enable some of my readers, who are in it, to form a near judgment

C H A P. Judgment of its increase since that
 37. time. "That 20,000 tod of wool was
 "wrought up yearly, in the manufac-
 "ture of hofe, which employed about
 "100 hands to comb, and dye;
 "6,000 to fpin, double and throw;
 "6,000 to weave, feam and drefs;
 "and that the improvement amounted
 "to fix times the value of the wool in
 "the coarfeft fort of hofe, and about
 "twelve times the price of the wool in
 "the fineft fort of hofe."

NOBILITY.

Is an honourable mark of diftinction, which raifes a perfon above the rank of a commoner. In Britain the term nobility is a degree of dignity above a knight and baronet; but in moft other countries nobility and gentility are the fame. Britifh nobility confift of five degrees, which are, duke, marquis, earl, vifcount, and baron.

baron. A duke is a title of honour CHAP.
next below superior princes; a mar- 37.
quis is a degree betwixt a duke and
earl; earls were anciently called co-
mites; a viscount ranks before a ba-
ron.—The privileges of the nobility
are considerable, they are, besides be-
ing considered the king's hereditary
counsellors, exempted from arrest,
unless for treasonable practices, felo-
ny, breach of peace, condemnation
in parliament, and a contemptuous
behaviour to the king. By descent
they enjoy their seats in parliament.
The house of peers is the supreme
court of judicature, and the members
that constitute it give their verdict up-
on their honour without being put to
their oath. Even in their absence
from this house, they are allowed to
vote by proxy. No peer can go out
of the kingdom without the king's
leave.

CHAP. THE nobility resident, or particu-
23 lary connected with this county are as follows.

DUKE of RUTLAND.]

THE family of Manners is ancient and honourable, being of great repute, for many ages, in the county of Northumberland. From Robert de Manners, who in the reign of Edward III, obtained a licence to fortify his manor, in that county, descended John de Manners, who in the reign of Henry V, was high-sheriff for the same county. Robert his son, who was a knight in the reign of Edward IV, was made deputy to Richard duke of Gloucester then admiral of England, &c. This gentleman marrying the sister and coheir of lord Roos, his son George was called lord Roos, and accompanied Henry VIII at two sieges.

gés. Thomas, who succeeded him, CHAP
in the time of Henry VIII, was made 37
warden of the east marches, chief
justice in Eyre of all the king's forests
beyond the Trent, and was created
earl of Rutland: he attended the duke
of Norfolk in his invasion of Scotland.
Henry, his son and successor, was also
a warrior, and with 3000 men took
Haddington, in Scotland. In the 2d.
of Edward VII, he was made constable
of Nottingham castle, chief justice
in Eyre of Sherwood forest, and warden
of the last and middle marches,
towards Scotland; and was general of
the horse at the siege of St. Quintin.
In the reign of Elizabeth he was made
lord lieutenant of the counties of Nottingham
and Rutland, and president
of the council of the north parts of the
realm, and knight of the garter.

EDWARD, his successor, was lord
lieutenant

CH A P
 37. lieutenant of the County of Lincoln, knight of the garter, and, as chief commissioner to Elizabeth, concluded peace with the Scots. John his brother succeeded him, who was constable of Nottingham-castle, and lord lieutenant of that county. Roger his eldest son succeeded him. He was lord lieutenant of the county of Lincoln ambassador to Denmark. constable of Nottingham-castle, and chief justice in Eyre of the forest of Sherwood. At the coronation of James I, he was made knight of the bath; and, besides holding several other honourable posts, he attended his majesty to Scotland, and commanded the fleet sent to bring prince Charles from Spain. At his death George, his brother, became earl of Rutland, but he dying, without issue, John Manners, son of Sir George Manners of Hadden in Derbyshire, came to the earldom. John his son, who

who succeeded, was made lord lieutenant of Leicestershire by William III, and afterwards by queen Ann. In this reign he was made also marquis of Granby, and duke of Rutland, but he dying in 1711, was succeeded by John the second duke of Rutland. *f* On the accession of George I, he was appointed lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of this county, and was elected knight of the garter. This nobleman dying A. D. 1721. He was succeeded by his son John: now, The Most High, Puissant, and Noble Prince, John Manners, duke and earl of Rutland, marquis of Granby, baron Roos of Hamlake, Trusbut, and Belvoir, and baron Manners of Hadden, lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum

f While he was lord Roos, he was chosen member of parliament for this county, in the last year of William's reign; and in 1710, he was a second time chosen for the same.

CH A Florum of the county of Leicester, and
 37. knight of the garter. This nobleman
 was born October 21st. 1696.

MAY the 7th. 1721, his grace was
 made lord lieutenant, &c. of this
 county, and the succeeding year was
 installed knight of the garter. July
 17th. 1737, He was made chancellor
 of the dutchy of Lancaster, and sworn
 one of his Majesty's privy council.
 In September the same year, he was,
 by his late majesty, re-appointed lord
 lieutenant, &c. of the county of Lei-
 ceſter; and at his majesty's coronati-
 on, the same year, he carried the
 ſceptre with the croſs. In 1736, his
 grace reſigned the chancellorſhip of
 the dutchy of Lancaſter; but on the
 14th. of January 1755, he was ap-
 pointed lord high ſteward of the king's
 houſhold; and in the ſame year he
 was nominated one of the lord juſti-
 ces

EARL of HUNTINGDON. 35

ces of the kingdom during his majesty's absence in Germany. g CHAP 37

HIS grace's heir is lord Granby, eldest son of the late lord Granby, who is member of parliament for the university of Cambridge, and colonel of the Leicestershire militia.

THE Motto of this family is *pour y parvenir*, To obtain this end.

THE chief seat is at Belvoir-castle standing upon the borders of Leicestershire.

HASTINGS, Earl of HUNTINGDON.

THIS illustrious family derives its descent

g Lord William Manners, brother to the duke of Rutland served in parliament for this county in 1714, 1722, and 1727.

CHAP. descent from Hugh de Hastings, a
 37. branch of the Hastings, earls of Pembroke, of which the first, mentioned by Sir William Dugdale, was William de Hastings, who was steward to Henry Ist. Among his successors, who were men of renown, was Lawrence de Hastings, who became earl of Pembroke, being a descendant of a daughter of Aymere de Valence, earl of Pembroke. John, his grandson, dying without issue, the title ceased. The next of note was William de Hastings, of another collateral branch, who, in the 34th of Henry VIth, was made high-sheriff of the counties of Leicester and Warwick; *b* and being a favourite of the duke of York, was made ranger of the chase of Vere; and was summoned, in his son's reign, Edward IVth, to the house of Lords, but

b These two counties were under one sheriff's jurisdiction from the time of Henry II, until the 9th of queen Elizabeth.

but was afterwards beheaded. (See **CHAP**
this nobleman's life, p. 77 vol. 3.) 37

EDWARD, his son and successor, was, by Henry VIIth, in consideration of his father's sufferings, restored to his father's estates, and those of his wife's father, Sir Thomas Hungerford, and bare the title of lord Hungerford. George, his son and successor, was created by Henry VIIIth. earl of Huntingdon, for his martial abilities under that king in France. He died in the 35th of the same reign, and was succeeded by Francis, his eldest son, who in the reign of Edward VIth was made a privy counsellor, and knight of the garter; and in Mary's reign, being lord lieutenant of this county, he raised forces against the duke of Suffolk, and took him prisoner to the tower.

THIS nobleman dying in [the se-
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CHAP. cond year of Elizabeth, his son Henry
37. ry succeeded, who was made lord lieutenant of the counties of Leicester and Rutland, and one of the privy council; and was also one of the peers who had the care of Mary, queen of Scots; but dying, in 1595, without issue, George, his brother, succeeded, at whose death his grandson, Henry, obtained the earldom. This nobleman was also lord lieutenant of the counties of Leicester and Rutland, and steward of the dutchy of Lancaster, and dyed in 1643. *i* Ferdinando, his eldest son, succeeded, who had been summoned to parliament during his father's life-time. Theophilus his son and heir was, in 1683 made one of his majesty's privy council, and two years after lord chief justice, and justice in Eyre of all the king's forests

i This nobleman's second son, was, for his service and fidelity to Charles I, created lord Loughborough.

rests, parks, &c. south of the Trent; CHAP
and was lord lieutenant of the counties 37.
of Leicester and Derby, captain of
the band of gentlemen pensioners, and
one of the privy council to king James
II. This nobleman was succeeded by
his eldest son, named George, who
died without issue. This nobleman
carried the sceptre at the coronation
of queen Ann. His successor was
Theophilus, his half brother, who
carried the sword of state at the coro-
nation of George II. His son and
successor is, The most Noble and
Puissant Francis Hastings, earl of
Huntingdon, baron Hastings, Hun-
gerford, Botreaux, Molins, and Mo-
els.

His lordship in 1756, was appoint-
ed master of the horse to the present
king, being then prince of Wales.
And on his accession to the crown, his
lordship

CH A Plordship was continued in that office,
 37 and made one of his majesty's privy-council. His lordship carried the sword of state at the coronation, and was appointed lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of the West Riding of Yorkshire. His lordship is a member of the Royal Society.

THE motto of this family is, *In veritate victoria*, and *Honorantes me honorabo*. Truth is victorious.—I will honour those who honour me.

HIS lordship's principal seat is at Donnington park in this county.

FIELDING, Earl of DENBIGH

THIS notable family descended from the earls of Hapsburg, in Germany, who deduced their pedigree from Pharamond, king of the Franks, who died in 430; among whom was
 Geoffery

Geoffery Fielding, who attended Hen-^{C H A P}
ry III in his wars, and obtained, of 37
that prince, the manor of Mifferton in
his county, where he lived, and filed
himself earl of Haspurg. From Geof-
fery descended Sir John Fielding,
knight, whose son and heir was Willi-
am, a powerful advocate, in the civil
wars, for the Lancastrian line: he
was killed at the battle of Tewksbury.
This gentleman's son, Edward, was
sheriff, in the reign of Edward IV,
for the counties of Warwick and Lei-
cester; and, for his services to Henry
VII, was made custos rotulorum for
this county. His heir was William,
who, marrying the daughter of Sir
Thomas Poultney, of Mifferton in this
county, had a son named Basil, whose
son William was, several times, sheriff
for the counties of Warwick and Rut-
land. His son and successor was Ba-
sil, who, in the 9th. of James I, was
sheriff

GH. A. P. Sheriff for the county of Warwick.

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This gentleman's son William was, by James I, made knight, baronet, viscount, and earl of Denbigh, master of the great wardrobe, and, by firmly adhering to the royal cause in the succeeding reign, was intrusted with particular commands ; but he lost his life by a wound he received in a skirmish near Birmingham. By his marriage, with a daughter of Sir George Villers, knight, of Brooksbey in this county, he had Basil, his son and heir, who was created lord Liz; but dying without issue, his nephew William succeeded. His son and heir was Basil, who, in the reign of king William, was master of the horse to the prince of Denmark, and lord lieutenant of the counties of Leicester and Denbigh ; and was also, in the reign of queen Ann, made lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of this county.

This

This nobleman dying in 1717, was CHAP 37.
 succeeded by his eldest son, William,
 who died in 1755, leaving an only
 son, now the most noble and puissant
 lord Fielding, earl of Denbigh, and
 Desmond, viscount Fielding, and
 Callon, baron Fielding of Lecaghe,
 one of his majesty's most honourable
 privy-council, lord of the bed-cham-
 ber, and master of the harriers and
 fox-hounds,

THE motto of this family is, *Pro-*
scit sub pondere virtus. Virtue thrives,
 or flourishes, under oppression.

CHIEF seat is at Newnham-padox,
 in Warwickshire.

GREY, Earl of STAMFORD.

THIS ancient and noble family de-
 scended from Reginald, the grand-
 father of Edmund, the first earl of
 Kent.

CHAP. Kent. Edward, Reginald's son, by
 37. a second wife, married Elizabeth, daughter and sole heiress to Henry, son of William lord Ferrers of Grooby, who, after the death of that nobleman, bare the title of lord Ferrers of Grooby, to distinguish him from lord Ferrers of Chartley. His son and heir being slain, in the battle of St. Alban's, Sir Thomas Rivers, his grandson, succeeded him; and the 11th. of Edward IVth, was created earl of Huntingdon. He was afterwards created marquis of Dorset; but being attained of high-treason by Richard, duke of Gloucester, afterwards Richard III, he fled to aid the duke of Richmond, and when that prince obtained the crown, he was made one of his privy-council. He was also chief commander of the king's forces, at lord Audley's defeat at Black-heath

THOMAS his son succeeded him in
 honours

honours, &c. and the 3d. of Henry **CHAP**
VIII, commanded the forces sent to **37**
Spain, and continued in that king's
favour until his death. Henry, his
son and successor, was made lord high
constable of England at the coronation
of Edward VI, to whom he was jus-
tice in Eyre, of all the forests, and
warden of the east, west, and middle
marches towards Scotland. This no-
bleman marrying the lady, Frances,
daughter to the duke of Suffolk, was
afterwards created duke of Suffolk.
But he countenancing the claim of his
daughter, lady Jane Grey, was, in
consequence of Mary's success, com-
pelled to secret himself in an hollow
tree in his park at Aftley, from whence
he was taken, by the treachery of one
Underwood, his keeper, and lost his
life on tower-hill.

FROM that time the honours of this
VOL. VI G family

CHAP family lay dormant, until the reign of
 37 James I, when that king, the first
 year of his reign, created Sir Henry
 Grey of Pergo, in the county of Essex,
 baron Grey of Grooby. John his eldest
 son, succeeded him, whose son and heir,
 Henry, was, by king Charles I, created
 earl of Stamford. j Thomas, his son,
 dying in his father's life time, he was
 succeeded by Thomas mas

j Thomas, son and heir of this nobleman,
 being an anti-royalist, was at the trial of
 Charles I, and hastened to his father's seat
 in this county, immediately after the
 sentence of death was passed upon the
 unfortunate king. The father meeting
 him in the park, going thither, said to
 him, "WELL THOMAS, KING OR NO
 KING." "NO KING," replied the son.
 "THEN NO LORD GREY OF GROOBY,"
 answered the father. Hence we may
 learn that nobleman's opinion of those
 sanguinary judges.—This nobleman was
 buried at Bradgate, in this county, 1673.

was his grandson, who, in the 8th. of CHAP.
king William, was chancellor of the 37.
dutchy of Lancaster, lord lieutenant
and custos rotulorum of this county.
In the reign of queen Ann, he was
one of the privy council, but he dying
in January, 1720, without surviving
issue, his titles descended to Harry
Grey, Esq; another branch of the fa-
mily.

HARRY, third earl of Stamford,
died in 1730, *k* and was succeeded by
Harry his eldest surviving son, who
was member of parliament for this
county at his father's death. He mar-
ried, in 1736, Mary, only daughter
and heir of George Booth, earl of
Warrington, by whom he had his
successor. The Most Noble and Pu-
issant, George-Harry, Grey, earl of
Stamford,

k The late colonel of the Leicestershire
militia was his fifth son.

CHAP. Stamford, baron Grey of Grooby,
37. Bonville, and Harrington.

His lordship was born in 1737, and is lieutenant colonel of the Cheshire militia. /

THE motto of this family, is, *A ma puissance*, To my ability as far as I am able.

CHIEF Seat is at Enville-hall, in Staffordshire. His lordship resides some part of the hunting season, in Leicestershire.

SHIRLEY, Earl of FERRERS.

THE family of Shirley is of great antiquity, and derives its descent from Sewallis of Ettingdon, at the
time

/ His brother, the honourable Booth Grey, Esq; is now one of the members of parliament for the borough of Leicester.

time of the Norman conquest. The CHAP.
son of this Sewallis, in the time of 37.
Henry I, held five knights fees, in
Derbyshire, of Robert de Ferrers,
lord of Titbury, and was succeeded
therein by Sewel, his son, who was
father of Henry de Ettingdon in the
time of king John, who had issue
Sewallis, his heir.

To Sewallis, who died in the reign
of Henry III, succeeded James, who
was lord of Shirley, and a knight,
whose issue was Sir Ralph Shirley,
who was knight of the shire for the
county of Warwick. His son and
heir was Thomas, whose son Sir Hugh
Shirley, knight, was slain at the bat-
tle of Shrewsbury, in the reign of
Henry IV. This gentleman was of
considerable note in those times ; and
his son and successor, Sir Ralph Shir-
ley, was high-sheriff of the counties
of

CHAP of Nottingham and Derby. His son
 37. and successor was Ralph, who by his
 first wife Margaret, sister and heir to
 Thomas Stanton of Stanton-Harold,
 in this county, had a son named John,
 who, in his mother's right, became
 possessed of Stanton-Harold, the resi-
 dence of this family.

THE son and successor of the last
 mentioned gentleman, was Sir Ralph
 Shirley, whose heir was Francis
 Shirley, who lived in the time of Ed-
 ward VI. His successor was George,
 his grandson, who in the 9th. of
 James I, was created a baronet. Sir
 Henry Shirley, his son, marrying
 Dorothy, youngest daughter to Ro-
 bert Devereux, earl of Essex, the fa-
 vourite of queen Elizabeth, and being
 coheir to Robert, earl of Essex, de-
 scendants from the Plantagenets, this
 family have since that time quartered
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the arms royal of England. The CHAP
eldest son of Sir Henry, Charles, dy- 37.
ing without issue, his brother Robert
succeeded him, and dying in the tow-
er, where he was imprisoned by
Cromwell, for his loyalty. His son
and successor was Sir Seymour Shir-
ley, baronet, who dying without sur-
viving issue, his brother Robert suc-
ceeded, and was summoned to parlia-
ment, the 29th of Charles II, by the
title of lord Ferrers of Chartley.
This nobleman was privy-counsellor
to king William, and afterwards to
queen Ann, who advanced him to the
dignity of viscount Tamworth.

THIS nobleman dying in 1717, his
son, Washington Shirley succeeded
to the titles and estates. He was con-
stituted lord lieutenant of the county
of Stafford, and soon afterwards cus-
tos rotulorum of the same. This no-
bleman

CH A P. bleman dying without issue male, the
 23 honours, &c. descended to his brother Henry, third earl, who died in 1745. But he dying unmarried, his honours, &c. passed to Lawrence Shirley his nephew, the late unhappy nobleman mentioned, see page 95 vol. 5. At his death the honours and estates of this family devolved upon the most noble and puissant, Washington Shirley, earl Ferrers, viscount Tamworth, baron Ferrers of Chartley, and lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum for the county of Stafford.

His lordship is an admiral in the royal navy, and a fellow of the royal society.

THE motto of this family is, *Honor virtutis præmium*. Honour is the reward of Virtue.

CHIEF seat is at Stanton-Harold in this county.

SHERRARD

EARL of HARBOROUGH. 55

SHERARD, Earl of HARBO-CHAP
ROUGH. 37.

HUMPHRY SHERARD, at the time of the Norman conquest, had great possessions in the counties of Chester and Lancaster; whose son, Thomas, was a person of great note, in the reign of Edward I. And from him, in the fifth generation, descended Sir Robert Sherrard, knight, whose grandson, of the same name, by marriage, obtained the manor of Stapleford in this county, the seat of this family. In the 16th of Henry VIth, his son and heir was the high-sheriff of Rutlandshire, and in the 21st for Leicester and Warwick shires. His son and heir was Geoffrey, whose son and heir was Thomas, high-sheriff of the counties aforesaid. The next that succeeded was George his son, who was high-sheriff of this county the 9th of Elizabeth. The

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son

CHA P. son and surviving heir of this gentleman was William, who was made a knight by James Ist, and afterwards created baron Sherrard of the kingdom of Ireland, by Charles Ist. Bennet, his eldest son, succeeded him, who served in several parliaments for this county, in the reigns of Charles II, James II, and William III. He dying in 1710. Bennet, his only surviving son, succeeded, and in 1714, he was created an English peer, by the title of baron Harborough. In 1718, he was advanced to the rank of a viscount, and in 1719, created earl of Harborough; but he dying without surviving issue, the honours devolved to Philip Sherrard, grandson to Philip, the second son of the first baron. This earl died in 1750, and was succeeded by his eldest son, Bennet, third earl of Harborough, who married for his fourth wife in 1767,
Miss

EARL of HARBOROUGH.

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Miss Cave, eldest daughter of Sir **CHAP**
Thomas Cave, of Stanford-hall in **37**
this county, bart. but dying in 1770,
without issue, he was succeeded by
his brother, The most noble and
puissant lord Robert Sherrard, earl of
Harborough, viscount Sherrard of
Stapleford, and baron Le-Trim.

His lordship is prebendary and
canon residentiary of Salisbury, pre-
bendary of Southwell, in Notting-
hamshire, rector of Teigh, in Rut-
landshire, and Whistoe, in Hunting-
donshire.

THE motto of this family is, *Hostis*
bonori invidia. Envy is an enemy to
honour.

CHIEF seat is at Stapleford in this
county.

NOEL,



PRESENT STATE, &c.

CHAP. NOEL, Viscount WENTWORTH

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THIS noble family claims descent, in the female line, from the ancient and honourable family of Wentworth, which lived in Yorkshire about the reign of king John. Thomas, of this family, being on an expedition in France, in the reign of Henry VIIIth and behaving valiantly, received the honour of knighthood, and was soon after summoned to parliament by writ, among the peers. At his death A. D. 1550, Thomas, his son, succeeded, who dying in 1590, he was succeeded by Henry, his son, who enjoyed the title and estate but a short time. Thomas, his son, was a favourite of James Ist, and by Charles Ist, advanced to the title of earl of Cleveland, and was a warm and useful royalist in the civil wars, as was also his son Thomas, lord Wentworth, who

who died in his father's life-time. CHAP.
37.
The earl of Cleveland dying without heirs male, the barony of Wentworth descended to the former's daughter, Henrietta, who dying unmarried, it devolved on Anne, daughter to the earl of Cleveland, who had married lord Lovelace. Martha Lovelace being the sole heir of the said John, the barony of Wentworth descended on her; who, at the coronation of queen Anne, attended as baroness Wentworth of Nettlested, which title was adjudged to her by descent, and confirmed in 1702. She dying a widow and without issue in 1745, the barony became vested in the descendants of Sir William Noel, baronet, of Kirby-Malory, who married Margaret Lovelace, grand-daughter to Thomas, earl of Cleveland above-named.

THIS family of the Noel's were many years resident in this county.

SIR

CHAP.

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SIR Verney Noel of this family, was created a baronet in 1660, and dying ten years after, he was buried at Kirby-Malory, and was succeeded by his only son Sir William Noel, bart. who lived at Kirby-Malory aforesaid; but dying in 1681, his eldest son Sir Thomas Noel, bart. succeeded; but dying without issue, Sir John Noel, bart. his brother, succeeded. His son and successor was, Sir Clobery Noel, bart. who was one of the knights for this county in the first parliament of George II.

EDWARD NOEL, his eldest son, on the death of Martha Lovelace, in 1745, succeeded to the barony of Wentworth of Nettlested, and was created viscount Wentworth of Wellesborough, by patent, in 1762. At his death, Thomas, his son and heir, who was elected one of the knights of
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this shire the last general election, CHAP
succeeded; now The noble, potent, 37
and honourable Thomas Noel, vis-
count Wentworth, &c.

Motto of this family is, *Penses a
bien.* Think on what is good.

CHIEF seat is at Kirby-Malory in
this county.

THE Baronets of this County, are,
Sir Thomas Cave, Sir John Palmer,
Sir John Danvers, Sir Wolstan Dixie,
and Sir Charles Halford.

THE residence of Sir Thomas Cave
is at Stanford-hall in this county.
This gentleman represented Leicester-
shire in several parliaments, with an
integrity which must do honour to his
memory; but as it might be painful
to offer even a due tribute of praise, I
shall

CH A P. shall forbear saying what will be the
37. duty of them who survive him.

THE residence of Sir John Palmer is at Carleton in this county. This gentleman is one of the present representatives for Leicestershire, in conjunction with John Peach Hungerford, Esq; and they, with the honourable Booth Grey, and John Darker, Esqrs. the representatives for Leicester, have conferred a degree of honour upon their constituents, by their uprightness in parliament, which cannot fail to be highly pleasing to every *true* friend to his country: They are not invariably with the ministry as the interested and servile tools of power; nor always with the opposition, as the aiders of faction, deluded by shadowy pretences; but they seem biased only, by the laudable injunctions of integrity and honour.

SIR

SIR John Danvers's residence is at CHAP.
Swithland, in this county. This gen- 37.
tleman is supposed to be one of the
richest commoners in England.

SIR Charles Halford's residence is
at Wistow, in this county. An ancestor
of this gentleman was honoured with
a visit from king Charles Ist, during
his troubles.

SIR Wolstan Dixie's seat is at
Market-Bosworth; but this gentle-
man's mind being impaired, he is ab-
sent from his family residence.

CHAP A CATALOGUE

37.

OF the names of the Towns and Villages, in the county, with occasional remarks ; including the residence of the gentlemen of most note, the value of the church livings in the king's book, with the incumbent's names, as in the year 1778.—*Note*, That the hundreds of the county are distinguished as follows, W. G. stands for West-Goscote,—F for Framland,—E. G. for East-Goscote,—Gu. for Guthlaxton,—S. for Sparkenhoe,—and Gar. for Gartree.

THE arch-deaconry of Leicester being divided into deaneries, they are distinguished as follows,—A. for Akeley,—Gu. for Guthlaxton,—Gar. for Gartree,—Gos. for Goscote,—and F. for Framland. This mark * after a gentleman's name, denotes him to be an acting magistrate for the county.

ABBY

TOWNS and VILLAGES.

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ABBY-GATE. West-Goscote hun-CHAP-
dred—Christianity Deanery—A street 37.
leading to Leicester-abby, in the pa-
rish of St. Leonard which has no
church. Rev. Mr. Robert Burnaby,
L. L. B. *

AB-KETTLEBY. F—F—Near
the vale of Belvoir. A vicarage, va-
lued in the king's book at 15l 10s 5d.
Rev. Mr. George Coulton. —

ALLEXTON. E. G—Gof.—Situ-
ate on the edge of this county, near
Uppingham. A rectory—6l 18 4d.
Rev'd Mr. James Dashwood, M. A.

ALTON. W G—In the parish of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

ANSTY. W G—Near Charnwood
forest—In the parish of Thurcaston.

APPLEBY-MAGNA. S—S—Near
the borders of Derbyshire. Sir John
More

CHAP. More founded a school here in 1697
 23 and endowed it very liberally. A
 rectory—20l 9s 4d. ob. Rev'd Mr.
 John Clements, M. A.

APPLEBY-PARVA. S—S— Lies
 west of Great-Appleby, and is in its
 parish.

ARNESBY. Gu.—Gu.— A vica-
 rage—5l 16s 8d. Rev'd Joseph Wil-
 son, B. A.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH. W G—
 A.— A considerable market town;
 situate near Derbyshire. Its market
 is on Saturday, and it has several good
 fairs. In this place lives the facetious
 Mr. Richard Springthorpe, well
 known in these parts: particularly,
 for his humurous performance of the
 character of Hob, in *Hob in the Well*.
 The inhabitants of Ashby' have of
 late been noted for their musical turn.

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A vicarage—14l 10s 5d. Rev. Mr CHAP-
Peter Cowper, M. A. 37

ASHBY-FOLVILE. E G—Gof.—
A vicarage—9l Rev. Mr. Thomas
Beaumont Burnaby, M A.

ASHBY-MAGNA. Gu—Gu—A
vicarage—7l. 18s. 7d.—Rev. Mr.
John Howlets, M A.

ASHBY-PARVA. Gu—Gu—Near
Warwickshire—A Rectory 5l. 7s.
6d—Rev. Mr. John Rowton B A.

ASFORDBY. E G—Gof. A Recto-
ry 15l. 11s. 8d. Rev. Mr. Tho-
mas Beaumont Burnaby, M. A.

ASTON-FLAMVILE.—Gu—Gu—
Near Hinkley. A Rectory—33l.
12s. 8d. Rev. Mr. William Water-
man, M. A.

At

CHAP ATTERTON. S. A small village
37. which parishes to Witherley.

BAGRAVE. Gar.

BAGWORTH. S. Here was formerly a park. This place is in the parish of Thornton.

BRADON-PARK. S. It joins to the forest of Charnwood. In this park stands a mount, at the west end of a tract of hills, called *Bradon-Hill*, the base, which is an extensive circumference, gradually rises to a great height. It is woody and contains quarries of a hard stone, something like lime-stone. The prospect hence is very extensive, and the mountain has been seen at the distance of fifty miles.

BARESBY. E. G.

BARKBY. E. G—Gof. A vicarage

rage—10l. Here is the seat of Willi-CHAP
am Pochin, Esq; 37

BARKBY THORPE, E. G.—Pa-
rishes to Barkby. The late George
Pochin Esq; left 100l, the interest of
which was to pay for the education of
the poor children here.

BARLESTON. S. Parishes to Bos-
worth.

BARNE-PARKE. Near Leicester
forest.

BARNESBY. E. G. Parishes to
Ashby Folville.

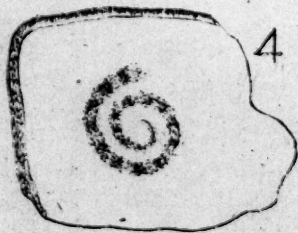
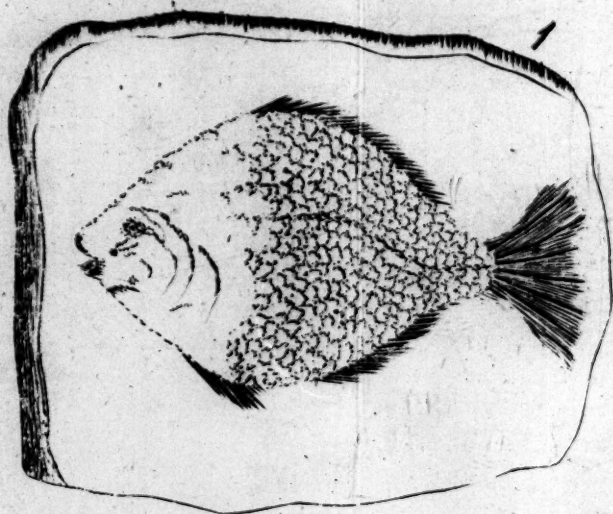
BARROW. E. G.—A.—Stands up-
on the river Soar. A vicarage—15l
2s 8d. Rev'd Mr. William Burrow,
B. D.—In the note inserted page
14, vol. 6, mention is made of *two*
fossils being lately found at this place,
the

CHAP. the one the representation of a man,
37. and the other that of a fish ; that part
of the work being about to be sent to
the press, respecting the lime-kilns at
this place when the fossils were found,
I caused the note to be inserted upon
report only. Since which time I have
been at Barrow, purposely to see them,
in consequence of which, I am enabled
to give my readers a more particular
account of those remarkable curiosities.

I was informed by Mr. Beaumont,
in whose possession they are in, that
they were not found in the strata of
lime-stone, but in a bed of clay near-
er the surface of the earth, in stones
nearly of the same nature, but detach-
ed by some unknown cause. The stone
which contains the impressions of the
fish is irregular, and clave by accident.
That part which contains the most
perfect form of the head is taken to
Cambridge ; whence it is to be hoped
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the public will receive some satisfaction-
on respecting these wonderful, and se-
cret operations, of time and place. The
other, which I have sketched as in the
annexed engraving, fig. 1. is, from
about the broadest part of the body
of the fish to the tail, a per-
fect resemblance of nature : fins, tail,
and scales, retaining the living form
strikingly preserved. The substance
of the fish, if it ever were an animal,
(and to doubt it must imply a strange,
and obstinate willingness to deny the
greatest probabilities) has shrunk by
petrification, in the swell of its body,
to about a quarter of an inch ; and
has the appearance, in most part of
its scales, of blackish glass, equally
as brittle and impenetrable. It mea-
sures, over the broadest part of its bo-
dy, near ten inches.

THE other figure, which impress
its first beholders, with a notion of its

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being

CHAP. being like the human form, is like
137. the skeleton of some beast's head; but
 a representation of even little more
 than its outlines, I judged, would be
 preferable to a description by words,
 which at best must be inadequate to its
 form, (see fig. 2.) The stone which
 contains this, seems rather more like
 free-stone than the other; it was also
 a detached stone, found in the bed of
 clay.

I visited the places whence they
 were taken, with Mr. S. Beau-
 mont, to whose civility, on the oc-
 casion, I am happy to make this pub-
 lic acknowledgment.

NEAR one of the pits we found
 some petrified sea-shells among the
 strata of stone, which lies over the
 lime-stone; some of which I have in
 my possession, of which fig. 3, is a
 representation. The appearances also
 of

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of serpents, or some such animal, were also frequently visible among the broken stones, as in fig. 4. CHAPTER 37

In the Abbe Alberto Fortis's letters, giving an account of his travels into Dalmatia, he mentions some fossil productions of the island of Zapuntello, seen in a calcareous stone, when broken, which discovers impressions of wood and marine insects. And indeed in various parts of the world are found, in the bowels of the earth, masses of petrified wood, brick, wrought metals, beds of sea-shells, and marine bodies; and what makes it truly wonderful is, that not only the lower grounds, but hills and mountains, at a great distance from the sea, contain *nautical* petrifications. Various have been the conjectures of men, in all ages, respecting such discoveries.—Some great event, since the

CH A P the creation of the world, has, most
 37. likely, been the cause of these wonder-
 ful operations. The great deluge of
 waters, in the days of Noah, no
 doubt effected a mighty change on the
 earth: the rolling of that almost
 boundless element, for months toge-
 ther, could not fail to alter, as it were,
 the face of nature. The loftiest hills
 were shaken to their foundations, and
 some were doubtless swept away by
 its power, burying under them a disor-
 dered mixture of animate and inan-
 mate things: so that on vallies,
 mountains arose, made up of the
 wrecks of its destruction.

In Asia, and Africa, petrified shells
 are found in great abundance. Pe-
 trified fishes, of various, and surpris-
 ing forms, are frequently found in a
 quarry of white stone, in the moun-
 tains of Castravan, near Barut; and
 wha

what is more remarkable, one of the pyramids of Egypt, is built of a kind of free-stone, in which are seen great quantities of petrified shells.

THE cause of similar productions, has, in some measure, baffled the industry and penetration of man: and, perhaps, for wise purposes, it is hidden from the sagacity of the noblest of the CREATOR's creatures. Man, *alone*, of all sublunary beings, is capable of examining the grand and awful structure of the universe, and the wonders it contains; and Man, however dignified by power and learning, is often compelled to acknowledge, as his wisdom is enlarging, if he retain the splendid requisite of *GRATITUDE*, that he has more and more reason to admire, adore, and laud HIM who waisted the whole into existence.—How admirable

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ble is the *CREATION*! Above we are lost in an immensity of space!—Here we enjoy blessings great and manifold!—There a boundless variety!—And below, amid' a huge mass of matter, such an astonishing diversity of animate and inanimate things which stagger the efforts of description.—To exercise our minds on such sublime subjects we cannot fail to please that *BEING* who gave the world, and gave us faculties for enquiry,—faculties for astonishment,—and obedience to proclaim *HIM SUPERLATIVELY SUPREME!*

BARSTON. F.—F.—Stands upon the edge of Nottinghamshire. A vicarage. 71 5s 6d. Rev'd Mr. Richard Stoup, L L B.

BARTON in the Beans. S.—Here have been grown the best beans in the county. The poor in these parts, from the

the goodness of the grain, formerly ate CHAP
 the horse-beans boiled, hence the old 37
 adages. *Leicestershire bean-bellies.*—
Shake a Leicestershire man, and beans
will rattle in his belly. This village is
 part in Bosworth parish, and part in
 Nellen.

BAREWELL. S.—S.—A rectory,
 20l 10s 7d. ob. Rev'd Mr. Samuel
 Albby.—*

BASSET-HOUSE. S.

BEAUMANOR. W.—G. Stand-
 ing near Charawood forest. The
 mansion-house here, was long occupi-
 ed by the family of the Beaumont's.
 It is now the residence of — Hey-
 rick, Esq;

BEAUMONT-LEES. S.

BEEBY. E.—G.—Gof A recto-
 ry

CHA P.ry. 15l 9s 6d. Rev'd Mr. Henry
37 Basely. B A. *

BELGRAVE. E—G—Gof. A pleasant village, about one mile from Leicester, in which are some neat houses. A vicarage. 43l 16s 5d ob. Rev'd Mr. John Clayton, M A.

BELTON. W—G—A. This town was formerly a market-town. It still retains two fairs. A vicarage, 8l 18s 5d. Rev'd Mr. Theophilus Henry Hastings, M A.

BELVOIR—Priory. Standing upon the verge of the shire. The castle commands a fine and extensive prospect, and is the dwelling of his grace the duke of Rutland. Mr Camden says, it was founded by one Totnay a Norman. The priory was founded by Robert de Belvoir, and dedicated to the virgin Mary ; and was for the order

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order of Black Monks, and the year. CHAP. 3
ly income of its possessions was valu- 37. 18
ed, at the suppression, at 135 l

BERTSANBY. F. It parishes to
Saltby.

BILLESDON. Gar---Gar. A vica-
rage. 14 l 10 s [Rev'd Mr. Joseph Whit-
tington, M. A.—A market town, but
of small note as such. Here is a brook
with a rapid current; which is so re-
markable for its crooked passage, that
it has occasioned this adage in these
parts: *In and out like Billesdon-brook.*
Numbers of various petrifications are
frequently taken from this brook: some
few have been found in the form of
small fish, and other animate bodies;
but the greatest numbers resemble
wheels, and such like appearances.

BILSTON. S. It parishes to Nor-
ton.

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CHAP BITTESBY. Gu—A depopulated
37. village near Cleibroke.

BITTESWELL. Gu—Gu—A vi-
carage. 4l os 3d ob. Mr. Charles
James Hitchcock, M. A.

BLABY. Gu—Gu—A rectory.
15l 5s. Rev'd Mr. Edward Stokes.

BLASTON. Gar.—One part of
this village parishes to Hallaton, and
the other to Medburne.

BLANCHERBY. W—G It pa-
rishes to Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

BOCHERDSTON. S. It parishes
to Ratby.

MARKET-BOSWORTH. S—S—
Notable for Earl Richmond's victory
over Richard III. This town is situ-
ate upon an hill, in a reputed whole-
some

some air. Its market is now incon-
siderable, and is held on Wednesdays. CHAP. 37

It has an annual fair. Here is the
seat of Sir Wolstan Dixie, bart. whose
ancestor, Sir Wolstan Dixie, knight,
a citizen and once lord-mayor of
London, in the year 1586, built here
a good school, and bountifully en-
dowed it. A rectory. 55l 18s 3d. ob.
Rev'd Dr. John Taylor, L. L. D.
Willoughby Dixie, Esq; * resides
here.

HUSBAND-BOSWORTH. Gar—
Gar. A rectory. 24l 15s 7d. Rev'd
Mr. Samuel Rogers, M. A. Here
is a school for thirty poor children,
upon an establishment of 16l per ann.

BOTTESFORD. F—F. A rectory
51l 5s. Rev'd Mr. George Turner,
M. A. At the suppression of relig-
ious houses, many monuments were
removed

CHAF 37. removed to its church, from Belvoir priory. In this church is a burial place for the Rutland family.

BOWDEN-MAGNA. Gar---Gar. Situate near Northamptonshire. A vicarage. 8l 12s 2d. Rev'd Mr. Edward Griffen, B. A.

BRADGATE. W—G.

BRADLEY. Gar. Near Rutlandshire.

BRANSTON. F—F. A rectory, 15l 10s 5d. Rev'd Mr. Henry Martin, B. L. L.

BRAUNSTON. S. About one mile from Leicester. It is in the parish of Glenfield; near here is a handsome mansion built for Clement Winstanley, Esq;* whose ancestor was long esteemed in these parts.

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BREDON. W—G. A. Stands ^{CHAP.} upon a high hill, near the edge of 37.
Derbyshire, which affords an agreeable prospect. A vicarage, 6l 2s 8d.
Rev'd Mr. Joseph Hooley, M. A.

BRENTINGBY. F. Parishes to
Thorpe-Arnold.

BRINGHURST. Gar—Gar. Up-
on the edge of the county. A vica-
rage, 11l 15s. Rev'd Mr. Edward
Ireson.

BROOKESBY. E—G. Gof. Here
was formerly the residence of the an-
cient family of Villiers. It is now
the residence of Nathan Wright, Esq;
A rectory, 5l 12s 6d. Rev'd Mr
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37. M. A.

BROUGHTON-ASTLEY. Gu—Gu.
A rectory, 26l 10s 6d. Rev'd Mr.
Thomas Greaves.

BRUNTINGTHORPE. Gu—Gu.
A rectory, 10l 7d 6. Rev'd Mr.
Sumuel Nicholas Ruffel. M. A.

BRUNTINGTHORPE. S. A street
near Leicester. Here dwelt the an-
cient family of Dannel. Now a seat
belonging to Roger Rudings, Esq;
but occupied by William Heyrick,
Esq;

BUCKMINSTER. F—F. A vica-
rage. 8l 7s 3d ob. Rev'd Mr.
Edward Heathcote, M. A.

BURBACH. S. In the parish of
Aston Flamvile.

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BURROW. Gar---F A rectory CHAP
121. Rev'd Mr. William Brown, 37
M A.

BIRSTAL W—G. Near Leicester.
Parishes to Belgrave.

BURTON. E—G Here was formerly found a quarry of Alabaster; but not of the best quality. It parishes to Prestwold.

BURTON-LAZERS. F. Parishes to Melton-Mowbray.

BURTON-NOVERY. Gar—Gar.
A rectory. 181 5s 10d. Rev'd Mr. Samuel Topp. B. A.—This gentleman is Bailiff of the borough of Leicester

BUSHBY. Gar. Parishes to Thornton. Here is a rill which incrusts, sticks, leaves, &c. that fall therein, with stony particles.

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CHAP. CADEBY. S—S. A rectory, 4l
37. 10s 2d ob. Rev'd Mr. James Burslem
M. A.

CARLETON. S. In the parish of
Bosworth.

CARLETON-CURLEY. Gar—Gar.
A rectory. 18l 15s 10d. Rev'd Mr
Charles Dickinson, B. A.

CATTHORP. Gu—Gu. A recto-
ry, 5l 5s 2d. ob. Rev'd Mr. John
Jaques, M. A.

CADWELL. F. Parishes to Rode-
ley.

CHARLEY. W—G. In Charn-
wood forest. Here was a small priory,
for the order of St. Augustin.

CHARNWOOD-FOREST. W-G. Near
Loughborough. This was a forest
long before the conquest. It is a near
square

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square, the soil hard and barren, and full of hills, woods, and rocks. CHAP. 37

CLEIBROKE. Gu—Gu. There are two towns of that name near adjoining. One church serves both. A vicarage. 30l 10s 5d. Rev'd Mr. Donald Mackinnon. M. A.

CLANSTON. F—F. A vicarage 9l 10s 2d. Rev'd Mr. William Chamberlain.

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COSINGTON. E—G. Gof. A rectory, 17l. 17s. 6d. Rev'd Mr. William Babington, L. L. B.

COSTON. F—F. A rectory, 16l 16s 3d. Rev'd Mr. William Hervey.

COTES. E—G. in the parish of Prestwoud.

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 37 rish of Kimcote.

COTTESBACH. Gu—Gu. Near
 Watling-street. A rectory. 10 6s
 8d. Rev'd Mr. Robert Marriot, LLB.

COSTON. S. In the parish of
 Bolworth.

COUNTESS-THORPE. Gu. So
 called from its being formerly the
 dower of the Countess of Leicester. In
 the parish of Blaby.

CRANHOWE. Gar.—Gar. A vi-
 carage. 8l 16s 8d. Rev'd Mr. Tho-
 mas Reid, M. A.

CROFT. S.—G. A rectory. 12l
 3s 4d. Rev'd Mr. Samuel Chambers,
 B. A.

CROXTON-KIRIELL. F—F. A
 vicarage,

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CROXTON-SOUTH. E—G. Gof A rectory, 8l 3s 4d. Rev'd Mr. Philip Hacket, B. A.

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DALBY-PARVA. F—F. A vicarage, 9l Rev'd Mr. John Brown, M. A.

DALBY on the Wolds. E—G.

DESFORD. S—G. A rectory, 8l 9s.

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37. M. A.

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vicarage. 4l. Rev'd Mr. Caleb
Lowdham, M. A.

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CASTLE-DONNINGTON. W—G.
Upon the edge of Derbyshire. In
Donnington-Park is the seat of the
earl of Huntingdon.

DONNINGTON. S. In the parish
of Ibstock.

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lage, part in Derbyshire, and part in
Leicestershire. It is also in three pa-
rishes, viz. Seile, Greisley, and Mey-
sham.

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rectory

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of Bringhurst.

DUNTON-BASSET. Gu—Gu. A
vicarage. 6l 0s 10d. Rev'd Mr.
Thomas Reynolds, B. A.

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Bringhurst.

EATON. F—F. A vicarage. 7l
11s 3d ob. Rev'd Mr. Richard Har-
dy, B. A. Here lives Mr. Wright
the Almanack maker.

EDMUNDTHORPE. F—F. A rec-
tory. 14l 12s 8d ob. Rev'd Mr.
Castle Sherrard, M. A. William Po-
chin, Esq; has a good feat here.

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CHAP. ELMSTHORPE. S—Gu. A small
37 place. 6l 13s 4d. Dr. Rowney No-
el, D. D.

ELSTON. Gu—Gu. A rectory
31l 8s 11d ob. Rev'd Mr. Thomas
Manners. *

ENDERBY with WHETSTONE. S-
G. A vicarage. 10l 8s 9d. Rev'd Mr.
John Simmonds, M. A. Here is the
seat of Charles Lorain Smith, Esq;

ESTWELL. F—F. A rectory
9l 12s 1d. Rev'd Mr. John Knipe,
B. A.

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16s 8d.

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Mr. John Smith, Minister.

FOSTON. Gu—Gu. A rectory.
14l 2s 3d. Rev'd Mr. Lambert.

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FOXTON. Gar—Gar. A vicarage. CHAP
7l 3s 4d. Rev'd Mr. John Bishop, 37.
B. A.

FREABY. F. In the parish of
Melton.

FRISBY. Gar. In the parish of
Gaulby.

FRISBY. E—G—Gos. A vica-
rge. 7l 16s 8d. Rev'd Mr. William
Brecknock Wragge, B. A.

FROLESWORTH. Gu—Gu. A
rectory. 12l 10s. Rev'd Mr. Henry
Lovel Noble, M. A.

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rish of Rodeley.

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lelston.

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GOPPESHULL. S. Here is an ex-
ceeding good mansion, built by the
late Charles Jennings, Esq; In which
is a valuable collection of pictures,
purchased chiefly by that gentleman.

GRACEDIEU. W—G.

GRIMSTON. E—G. In the pa-
rish of Rodeley.

GROBY, or GROOBY. S. In the
parish of Ratby.

GUMLEY. Gar—Gar. A recto-
ry, 161 2s 6d. Rev'd Mr. Richard
VOL. VI N Wynne,

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 37. dock, Esq; a gentleman well known
 in the learned world, has built a fine
 mansion, where he chiefly resides.
 This gentleman has repeatedly enter-
 tained the genteel people of these parts
 with honorary theatrical performan-
 ces : And on those occasions, it is u-
 niversally acknowledged, that he be-
 haved with an affability and politeness
 truly engaging.

HALLATON. Gar—Gar. In this
 church are two rectories, 17l 6s 8d,
 and 18l 13s 4d. Rev'd Mr. John
 Fenwicke, M. A. It is a tolerable
 good town, and has a market on
 Thursday ; and three annual fairs.
 Here is a charity school for twenty
 children.

HALSTED. E—G.

HAMILTON. E—G. It is in the
 parish of Barkby.

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Belvoir. A rectory, 20l Dr. Bennet 37.
Storer, D. D.

HARBURROW, or HARBOROUGH.
Gar. An exceeding pleasant market
town in this county. In the parish of
Bowden ; but it has a good chapel ;
and in consequence of there being no
fields belonging to it, there is this old
adage, *That a goose will eat up all the
grafs belonging to this town.* Its market
is on Tuesday. The fair here, in
October, is large, and continues ma-
ny days. Dr. Richard Parry, D. D.*
resides here, a gentleman of extensive
learning.

HARDWICK. Gar.

HARESTON. F-F. A rectory,
8l is 8d. Rev'd Mr. Richard Stoup
L. L. D.

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HEMINGTON. W—G. Near
 Derbyshire. In the parish of Lock-
 ington.

HIGHAM. S—S. A rectory, 7l
 9s 4d. Rev'd Mr. Samuel Chambers
 B. A.

HINKLEY. S—S. Near Wat-
 ling street. A populous market-
 town in this county. It stands upon
 the declivity of a hill, and the air is
 esteemed healthful. Formerly the affi-
 zes for the county were holden here.
 The inhabitants are chiefly employed
 in the manufacture of Stockings. Its
 market is on Monday ; and its prin-
 cipal

cipal fair on the 26th. of August. The CHAP.
church here is large, but a very heavy structure. It is a vicarage, 9l 9s 37
9d. ob. Rev'd Mr. John Cole Gal-
laway. M. A.

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Medburne.

HOLWELL. F.

HONINGHOLD. Gar—Gar. A
vicarage, 6l 16s 8d. Rev'd Mr. Wm.
Kingsman.

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22l 8s 9d. Rev'd Mr. Henry Brown
B A.

HOUGHTON. Gar—Gar. A rec-
tory, 16l 12s 0d ob. Rev'd Mr. Ri-
chard Coulton, M. A.

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Mr. Henry Hough, B. A.

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A vicarage, 8l. Rev'd Mr. John
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rough.

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vicarage, 9l 8s od ob. Rev'd Mr.
Thomas Clark, B. A. This living
goes with Twyford.

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8s 11d Rev'd Mr. Edward Darrell,
L. L. B.

ILSTON. Gar. Part of this vil-
lage is in the parish of Noseley, and
the

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INGERSBY. Gar. In the parish
of Hungerton.

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Rodeley.

KEGWORTH. W—G—A. A
rectory, 25l 15s 7d ob. Rev'd Mr.
John Willey, M. A.

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Tugby.

KETTLEBY. F. In the parish of
Melton.

KIBWORTH-BEAUCHAMP. Gar—
Gar. A rectory, 39l 14s 11d. Rev'd
Mr. Christopher Hatton Walker,
M. A. It is a large and well built
village, there being several genteel
families

CH A P families resident in this place. Arthur
37. Hefilrige, Esq; * resides here.

KIBWORTH-HARCOURT. Gar—
Formerly, the church of Kibworth-
Beauchamp was a chapel of ease to the
church here.

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NORTH-KILWORTH. Gu—Gu—
A rectory, 15l os 5d. Rev'd Mr.
Jeremiah Belgrave.

SOUTH-KILWORTH. Gu—Gu A
rectory, 10l 8s 11d. Rev'd Mr.
Charles Cave.

KIMCOTE. Gu—Gu. A rectory,
20l 16s 3d. Rev'd Mr. Richard Ja-
go, M. A.

KIRBY. S. Stands on the west
side of Leicester-forest. In the parish
of Glenfield.

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Mr. George Coulton, Minister. 37

KIRBY-MALORY. S-A. A rectory
15l. Dr. Rowney Noel, D. D. This
gentleman is uncle to the present lord
Viscount Wentworth.* Here is the
seat of that nobleman.

KNAPTOFT. Gu—Gu. A recto-
ry, 32l 12s 6d. Rev'd Mr. John
Cant. B. D.

KNAWSTON. Gar—Gar. A recto-
ry, 6l 11s 8d. Rev'd Mr. Benjamin
Bradley, M. A.

KNIGHTHORPE. W—G. Parish-
es to Loughborough.

KNIGHTON. G. Near Leicester.
Included in the living of St. Marga-
ret's in that place.

CHAP. KNIPTON. F. A rectory, 16l 12s
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M. A.

LANGLEY. W—G.

CHURCH² LANGTON. Gar—Gar.
A rectory, 48l 7s 4d. Rev'd Mr.
Charles Markham, M. A. The Rev.
Mr. Hanbury, the late rector of this
place, was well skilled in botany,
planting, and gardening; and was the
author of a large work on those sub-
jects. And before his death, which
happened in 1778, he had raised se-
veral flourishing plantations, the pro-
fits, from the sale of which, he willed
for the purpose of building a cathedral,
and establishing a college at this place;
and for other charitable uses, after
the profits therefrom shall have accu-
mulated to a certain sum.

EAST and WEST-LANGTON. Gar
both

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both within the parish of Church-CHAP
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LAUGHTON. Gar—Gar. A rectory, 10l 10s 5d. Rev'd Mr Charles Ed. Shuttleworth, B. L. L.

LAUND. E—G. Here is the residence of John Simpson, Esq;*

LEIRE. Gu—Gu. A rectory, 9l 14s 9d ob. Rev'd Mr. George Mason, M. A.

LECHEBERNE. S. Formerly a grange.

LEES-THORPE. F. Here is the dwelling of John Suffield Brown, Esq;*

LESBY. E—G

LEICESTER. See the general index at the end of this volume. It is

CHAP. 37. a populous town, and has flourished greatly within the last half century. It has five parish churches, a presbyterian meeting-house, two anabaptist's, a quaker's, and two methodist's. The churches have been described. The presbyterian place of worship was built about the year 1708, and is a large and neat structure ; to which it has, adjoining, a spacious burial ground. — Here is an excellent choir of singers, judged superior to any in the county, both for taste and concordant voices : if nature has been favorable in the latter instance ; perhaps, aided by a laudable application to excel, the late infirmaries aniverfaries, in Leicester, contributed not a little to the former requisite. The anabaptist's, or independent's place of worship, are much less buildings ; one of them was built about 30 years ago, and is decently pewed ; the other is but an indifferent building.

building. The quaker's was lately CHAP.
 built, and is a decent structure, per- 37.
 fectly agreeable to their peculiar man-
 ner. The largest of the methodist's
 houses is a large building, formerly
 used for a playhouse; but given con-
 ditionally to the Rev'd Mr. Wesley's
 people, by the late Mr. Lewis of this
 place. The other meeting-house is a
 new, but small building; and, I am
 apprehensive, that this congregation
 claim something of originality here.

HERE are no charity schools on
 very liberal foundations.

ST MARGERET'S, one of the five pa-
 rish churches, which are all vicarages,
 is valued in the king's book at 17l.
 8s. 6d. and the prebend at 27l. 6s. 8d.*

Rev'd

* A Prebend of Lincoln.——In this
 church-yard has been lately erected a
 large grave-stone, to the memory of the
 late Mr. John Ireland, of Leicester, which
 has

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 37. —St. Martin's, 6l 13s 4d. Rev'd
 Mr. Thomas Haines, B. A. / —St.
 Mary's, 8l. Rev'd Mr. John Sim-
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n Leicester is in a deanery called Christianity.

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THIS town sends two members to parliament, as does also the county. The electors for the former, are the freemen of Leicester not receiving alms, and the inhabitants who pay *scot and lot* ; not being certificated from other parts. The electors for the latter, are, freeholders, clergy, and copy-holders of inheritance.

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